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Mr Falconer

Dear Sir

I have a clipping taken from one of the daily papers in which some of the Dental students are being returned from overseas to finish their course.

I have a son overseas Amun Calbeck 337863. 21 Howitzer Battery who went over with the first University draft, he has been wounded this month and in hospital, I would like to know if there is any chance of getting him returned.

He has lost two years of study and I feel as if he is kept there much longer he will not be willing to

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take up his studies on returning.
I don't want him to shirk his duty but I want him to have an even chance with the rest of the boys.
I see they are calling for recruits for aerial service from the college of boys seventeen to twenty and I think you might use your influence to stop that as I think a boy at seventeen far too young for active service and they are going to rob our universities of all its young blood.
Now Mr Falconer I know you are a very busy man but if you could find time to give me a little information along this line I would greatly appreciate same.

Yours sincerely
Geo Calbeck

November 19th, 1917

Mr. George Calteck,

Dunnville, Ont.

Dear Mr. Calteck:

I am not very sure from your letter whether your son was registered in the Dental College or not. If he was you should apply to the Dental College with regard to him.

I may say that I have written to the authorities in England setting forth to them that it is only fair to medical students who are now on active service at the front that they should receive the same privileges as are given to medical students at home, and that they therefore should be returned to continue their work. We have not as a University taken action in asking for the return of individual students. What we have done is to endeavour to get principles laid down under which the individuals can make appeal for themselves. I hope that this will soon become effective.

With regard to recruiting boys I agree with you that even 18 is too young, and we shall now I hope have relief seeing that conscription has been placed at 20. Boys younger than 20 should I think come to the University and take as much of their course as they possibly can.

I am, Yours sincerely,

President.